HISTORY OF
WAGE SCALES
OF INDIANA STRIP MINES
FROM
1914 TO 1944

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HISTORY OF WAGE SCALES DISTRICTS Nos. 8 & 11

1914 to 1944

Prior to 1914 the mine workers employed in the strip mines in Districts Nos. 8 and 11 were unorganized. After their organization, during the Spring of 1914, repeated attempts were made to agree on a wage scale. During this time operations were suspended in the strip mines. On July 1st, 1914, agreement was reached providing that the matter of wages would be left to a Board of Arbitration consisting of three members, one of whom would be selected by the mine workers, one by the operators, and a third by agreement. The finding of the Arbitration Board was to have been completed within three weeks after the selection of the third member but in the meantime, the following tentative wage scale was to be effective July 1st, 1914, and the mines to resume operations July 15th, 1914. mines resumed operations under said tentative wage scale but the Board of Arbitration was never completed, as the third member of the Board was not agreed to and the tentative wage scale remained in force until March 31, 1916. The following is the tentative wage scale:

WAGE SCALE
June 1, 1914 to March 31, 1916

Monthly Men	Rates		
Classification	8 Hour Day	26 Day Month	
Shovel Engineer	\$ 4.81	\$ 125.00	
Shovel Craneman	3.85	100.00	
Shovel Fireman	2.885	75.00	
Tipple Engineer	3.12	81.25	

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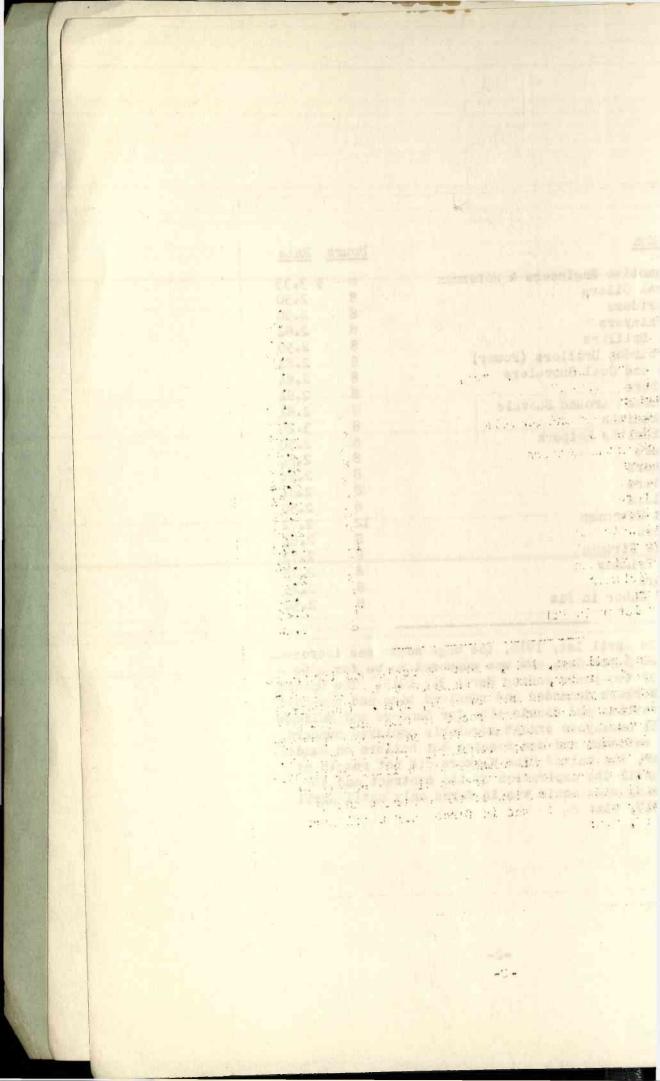
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Locomotive Engineers & Motormen	8 1	3.33
Shovel Oilers	8 "	2.50
Tripriders	8	2.50
Tracklayers	8	2.84
Coal Drillers	8	2.50
Overburden Drillers (Power)	8	2.84
Dirt and Coal Shovelers	8	2.84
Ditchers	8	2.84
Groundmen around Shovels	8	2.84
Blacksmiths	8	3.26
Blacksmiths Helpers	8	2.50
Pumpers	8	2.84
Sledgers	8	2.84
Shooters	8	2.84
Couplers	8	2.50
Night Watchmen	12	2.72
Drivers	8	2.84
Tipple Fireman	8	2.72
Flat Trimmer	8	2.25
Dumpers	8	2.25
Other Labor in Pit	8	2.50

On April 1st, 1916, the wage scale was increased 5 to 20 % per day, and was supposed to be for a period of two years ending March 31, 1918. The United Mine Workers demanded and received time and one-half for overtime and double time for Sundays and Holidays for all employees except regularly employed pumpers, night watchmen and men washing out boilers on Sunday. However, the United Mine Workers did not remain at work until the expiration of the contract and the following wage scale was in force only until April 16, 1917, viz:



Wage Scale
April 1, 1916 to April 16, 1917

Monthly Men	Rates	
Classification	8 Hour Day	26 Day Month
	4 7 0 7	A 101 05
Shovel Engineer	\$ 5.05	\$ 131.25
Shovel Craneman	4.04	105.00
Shovel Fireman	3.03	78.75
Tipple Engineer	3.24	85.31
Day Men	Hours	Rate
Locomotive Engineer & Motorman		\$ 3.50
Shovel Oiler	8	3.00
Tripriders	8	3.00
Tracklayers	8	3.00
Coal Drillers	8	3.00
Overburden Drillers (Power)	8	4.20
Dirt & Coal Shovelers	8	3.00
Ditchers	8	3.00
Groundmen around Shovel	8	3.00
Blacksmiths	8	3.42
Blacksmiths Helpers	8	3.00
Pumpers	8	3.00
Sledgers	8	3.00
Shooters	8	3.15
Couplers	8	2.63
Nightwatchman	12	2.86
Drivers	8	3.00
Switchman	8	3.00
Tipple Fireman	8	2.86
Flat Trimmer	8	2.36
Dumper	8	2.36
Other Labor in Pit	8	3.00

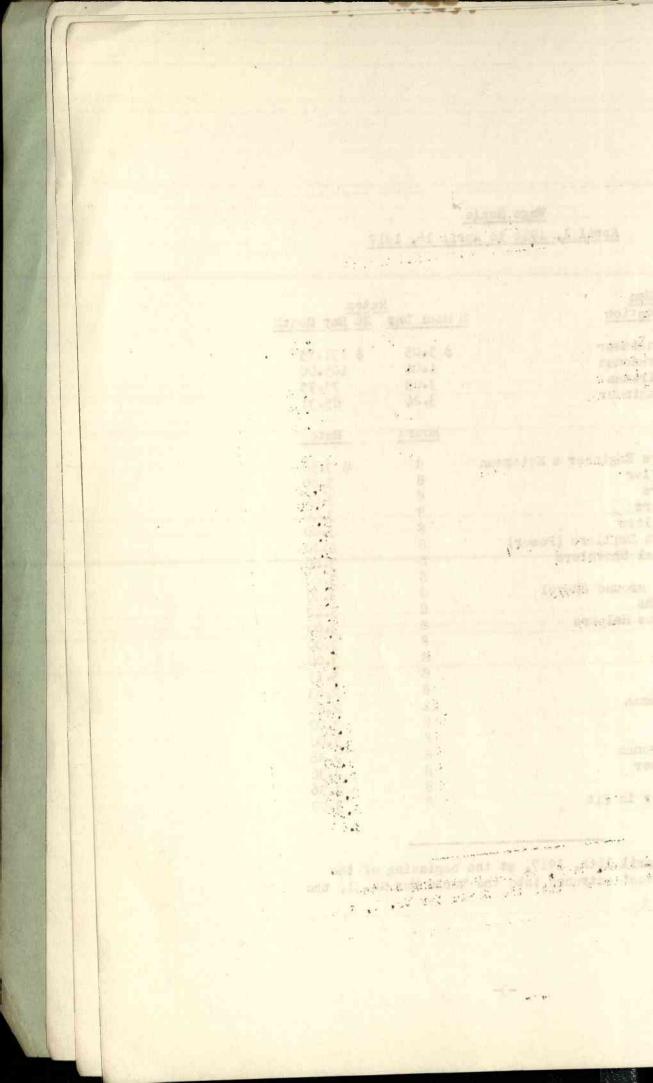
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On April 16th, 1917, at the beginning of the United States' entrance into the World War No. 1, the



mine workers demanded and increase before the termination of their contract. Owing to the increased cost of living, the operators granted a flat increase of 60% per day to all employees under the jurisdiction of the United Mine Workers of America. The new wage scale was as follows:

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April 16, 1917 to November 1, 1917

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	Shovel Fireman	3.63	94•35
	Tipple Engineer	3.88	100.91
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	Day Men	Hours	Rate
	Locomotive Engineer & Motorman	8	\$ 4.10
	Shovel Oiler	8	3.60
	Tripriders	8	3.60
	Tracklayers	8	3.60
	Coal Drillers	8	3.60
	Overburden Drillers (Power)	8	4.80
	Dirt & Coal Shovelers	8	3.60
	Ditchers	8	3.60
	Groundmen around Shovels	8	3.60
	Blacksmiths	8	4.02
	Blacksmiths Holpers	8	3.60
3	Machinists	8	4,80
	Pumpers	8	3.60
	Sledgers	8	3.60
	Shooters	8	3.75
	Couplers	8	3.23
	Nightwatchmen	12	3.46
	Drivers	8	3.60
	Switchmen	8	3,60
	Tipple Firemen	8	3.46
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On November 1, 1917 the United Mine Workers again demanded and received and increase owing to the continued advance in cost of living during the war. The increase amounted to \$1.40 per day to all employees under the jurisdiction of the United Mine Workers of America. The new wage scale was as follows:

Wage Scale
November 1, 1917 to December 15, 1919

Monthly Men Classification		tes
Classification	8 Hour Day	26 Day Month
Shovel Engineer	7.05	\$ 183.25
Shovel Craneman	6.04	157.00
Shovel Fireman	5.03	130.75
Tipple Engineer	3.88	100,91
Day Men	Hours	Rate
Locomotive Engineer & Motorma	n 8	\$ 5.50
Shovel Oiler	8	5.00
Triprider	8	5.00
Tracklayer	8	5.00
Coal Drillers	8	5.00
Overburden Drillers (Power)	8	6.20
Dirt & Coal Shovelers	8	5.00
Ditchers	8	5.00
Groundmen around Shovel	8	5.00
Blacksmiths	8	5.42
Blacksmiths Helpers	8	5.00
Machinists	8	6.20
Pumpers	8	5.00
Sledgers	8	5.00
Shooters	8	5.15

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Night Watchmen	12	4.86
Drivers	8	5.00
Switchmen	8	5.00
Tipple Firemen	8	4.86
Flat Trimmers	8	4.36
Dumpers	8	4.36
Other Labor in Pit	8	5.00

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The above increase was the result of a long drawn out conference held in Washington in the Fall of 1917 and covered the four competitive states, and was expected to remain in force until the termination of the war or March 31, 1920, whichever was the latest; but on December 16, 1919, after a strike from November 1, 1919 to December 10, 1919, because of the mine workers' contention of further advance in the cost of living, additional increases ranging from 70¢ to \$1.00 per day were granted, as per the following wage scale, viz:

Wage Scale
December 16, 1919 to March 31,1920

Monthly Men	Ra	tes
Classification	8 Hour Day	26 Day Month
Shovel Engineers	\$ 8.035	\$ 208.90
Shovel Cranemen	6.885	178.98
Shovel Firemen	5.7325	149.05
Tipple Engineers	5.915	153.51
Day Men Locomotive Engineers & Moto Shovel Oilers Tripriders Tracklayers Coal Drillers	Hours 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	Rate 5 6.27 5.70 5.70 5.70 5.70

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Shovel Oilers	8	6.00
Tripriders	8	6.00
Tracklayers	8	6.00
Coal Drillers	8	6.00
Overburden Drillers (Power)	8	7.20
Dirt & Coal Shovelers	8	6.00
Ditchers	8	6.00
Groundmen around Shovels	8	6.00
Blacksmiths	8	6.42
Blacksmiths Helpers	8	6.00
Machinists	8	7.20
Pumpers	8	6.00
Sledgers	8	6.00
Shooters	8	6.15
Couplers	8	5.63
Nightwatchmen	12	5.86
Drivers	8	6.00
Switchmen	8	6.00
Tipple Firemen	8	5.86
Flat Trimmers	8	5.36
Dumpers	8	5.36
Other Labor in Pit	8	6.00

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During the latter part of July, 1920, mine workers began to walk out at various mines until there was a general strike throughout the State of Indiana. The mine workers officials contended they were not in sympathy with the movoment, but were powerless to prevent it. The strike was settled by granting a flat increase to all employees of \$1.50 per day. This increase was offective throughout the four competitive states and was to be in force until March 31, 1922, but lasted until March 31,

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1927, although there was a $4\frac{1}{2}$ months strike during the Spring and Summer of 1922, which was settled by applying the same wage scale, and then in 1924 the same wage scale was again agreed to and remained the same for a period of three years ending March 31, 1927. The following wage scale, therefore, was in effect until March 31, 1927, viz:

<u>Wage Scale</u>
August 16, 1920 to March 31, 1927

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Monthly Men	Rates		
Classification	8 Hour Day	26 Day Month	
Shovel Engineers	\$ 9.55	\$ 248.25	
Shovel Cranemen	8.54	222.00	
Shovel Firemen	7.53	195.75	
Tipple Engineers	7.78	202.31	
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Day Men	Hours	Rate	
Locomotive Engineers	8	\$ 8.12	
Shovel Oilers	8	7.50	
Tripriders	8	7.50	
Tracklayers	8	7.50	
Coal Drillers	8	7.50	
Overburden Drillers (Power)	8	8.70	
Dirt & Coal Shovelers	8	7.50	
Ditchers	8	7.50	
Groundmen around Shovels	8	7.50	
Blacksmiths	8	7.92	
Blacksmiths Helpers	8	7.50	
Machinists	8	8.70	
Pumpers	8	7.50	
Sledgers	8	7.50	
Shooters	8	7.69	
Couplers	8	7.13	
Night Watchmen	12	7.36	
Drivers	8	7.50	
Switchmen	8	7.50	

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Flat Trimmers	8	6.86
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Other Labor in Pit	8	7.50

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During April of 1927, the Joint Scale Committee of District 11 of the mine workers and operators met and finally agreed on the Jacksonville Scale of Wages for a period of two years ending March 31, 1929, providing that the shaft mine workers and operators made a similar agreement for that period, and if such a contract was not made between the shaft mine workers and operators for that period the Jacksonville Scale was to run concurrently with the contract made between the shaft mine workers and operators; but if no agreement was made between the shaft mine workers and operators the strip contract containing the Jacksonville Scale would expire March 31, 1928. The Jacksonville Scale was as follows:

WAGE SCALE
April 1, 1927 to October 31, 1928

Monthly Men	Rat	os
Classification	8 Hour Day	26 Day Month
Shovel Engineers	\$ 9.55	\$ 248.25
Shovel Crancmen	8.54	222.00
Shovel Firemen	7.53	195.75
Tipple Engineers	7.78	202.31
Day Men	Hours	Rate
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Shovel Oilers	8	7.50
Tripriders	8	7.50
Tracklayers	8	7,50
Coal Drillers	8	7.50
Overburden Drillers (Power)	8	8.70
Dirt & Coal Shovelers	8	7.50

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Blacksmiths	8	7.92
Blacksmiths Helpers	8	7.50
Machinists	8	8.70
Pumpers	8	7.50
Sledgers	8	7.50
Shooters	8	7.69
Couplers	8	7.13
Night Watchmen	12	7.36
Drivers	8	7.50
Switchmen	8	7.50
Tipple Firemen	8	7.36
Flat Trimmers	8	6.86
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At the time the above Scale of Wages was negotiated, the shaft mine workers were on strike. They reached an agreement on October 7, 1927, after a seven months strike. The agreement was on the basis of the Jacksonville Scale of Wages which expired March 31, 1928, and consequently the strip mine contract, according to agreement, expired also on that date; but the strip mine workers and operators had met on March 28, 1928 and renewed the same contract for another year, subject however, to any increase or decrease made in the shaft mine contract. The shaft operators refused to meet their mine workers, and although many of mines continued to work at the former scale, there was no contract written until the fall of 1928, when the shaft mine workers agreed to a decrease of \$1.40 per day, and consequently the strip mine workers, according to the

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automatic increase or decrease clause, also agreed to the same, and on November 1, 1928, the following wage scale became effective, viz:

WAGE SCALE November 1, 1928 to March 31, 1930

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Classification	8 Hour Day	26 Day Month
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Shovel Engineers		\$ 211.85
Shovel Cranemen	7.14	185.60
Shovel Firemen	6.13	159.35
Tipple Engineers	6.53	169.81
Day Men_	Hours	Rates
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Locomotive Engineers & Motor		\$ 6.85
Shovel Oilers	8	6.10
Tripriders	8	6.10
Tracklayers	8	6.10
Coal Drillers	8	6.10
Overburden Drillers (Power)	8	7.30
Dirt and Coal Shovelers	8	6.10
Ditchers	8	6.10
Groundmen Around Shovels	8	6.10
Blacksmiths	8	6.67
Blacksmiths Holpers	8	6.25
Machinists	8	7.45
Pumpers	8	6.10
Sledgers	8	6.10
Shooters	8	6.29
Couplers	8	5.88
Night Watchmen	12	6.11
Drivers	8	6.10
Switchmen	8	6.10
Tipple Firemen	8	6.11
Flat Trimmers	8	5.61
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Welders	8	7.30
Other Labor in Pit	8	6.10

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42.16424 - " 6441.2543 T The above scale was to have expired on March 31, 1930, but the shaft mines not yet having made a contract, the mines continued to work after April 1,1930, pending a settlement. After meetings from April 2, to April 11, the strip mine workers and operators agreed to the same scale for another two years with the automatic increase or decrease with the shaft mine clause embodied therein, and containing new classifications for Channel Machine Operators and Helpers and Chief Electricians and rates therefor. The entire new wage scale was as follows:

WAGE SCALE
April 1, 1930 to September 10, 1932

Monthly Men Classification	Rat 3 Hour Day	26 Day Month
Shovel Engineers Shovel Cranemen Shovel Firemen Tipple Engineers	8.15 7.14 6.13 6.53	\$ 211.85 185.60 159.35 169.81
Day Men Locomotive Engineers & Moto Shovel Oilers Tripriders Tracklayers Coal Drillers Overburden Drillers (Power) Dirt & Coal Shovelers Ditchers	8 8 8 8	Rate \$ 6.85 6.10 6.10 6.10 7.30 6.10 6.10

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Machinists	8	7.45
Pumpers	8	6.10
Sledgers	8	6.10
Shooters	8	6.29
Couplers	8	5.88
Night Watchmen	12	6.11
Drivers	8	6.10
Switchmen	8	6.10
Tipple Firemen	8	6.11
Flat Trimmers	8	5.61
Dumpers	8	5.61
Boiler Makers	8	6.67
Welders	8	7.30
Channel Machine Oprs. & Hlprs.	8	7.45
Electricians	8	7.45
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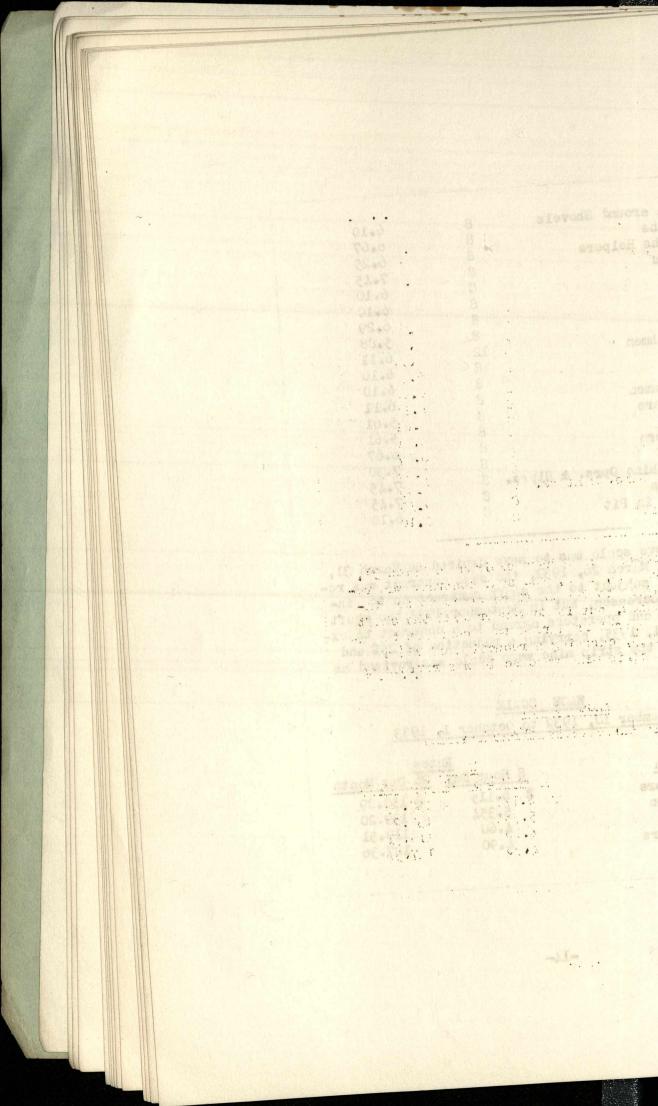
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The above scale was to have expired on March 31, 1932, but on March 26, 1932, the same contract was renewed, again subject to the shaft contract as to increases or decreases, but in September 1932 the shaft mine workers and operators agreed to a contract to expire March 31, 1935, carrying a reduction of 25% and consequently the strip mine wage scale was revised as follows:

WAGE SCALE
September 10, 1932 to October 1, 1933

Monthly Men	Ra	tes
Classification	8 Hour Day	26 Day Month
Shovel Engineers	\$ 6.115	\$ 158.89
Shovel Cranemen	5.354	139.20
Shovel Firemen	4.60	119.51
Tipple Engineers	4.90	127.36



Day Men	Hours	Rate
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Locomotive Engineers & Motormen	8	\$ 5.14
Shovel Oilers	8	4.58
Truck Drivers (Coal)	8	5.14
Truck Drivers (Other than coal)	8	4.58
Tripriders	8	4.69
Tracklayers	8	4.58
Coal Drillers	8 .	4.58
Overburdon Drillers (Power)	8	5.48
Dirt and Coal Shovelers	8	4.58
Ditchers	8	4.58
Groundmen around Shovels	8	4.58
Blacksmiths	8	5,00
Blacksmiths Helpers	8	4.69
Machinists	8	5.59
Pumpers	8	4.58
Sledgers	8	4.58
Shooters	8	4.72
Couplers	8	4.41
Night Watchmen	12	4.58
Drivers	8	4.58
Switchmen	8	4.58
Tipple Firemen	8	4.58
Flat Trimmers	8	4.21
Dumpers	3	4.21
Boiler Makers	8	5.00
Welders	8	5.48
Channel Machine Oprs. & Hlprs.	8	5.59
Electricians	8	5.59
Other Labor in Pit	8	4.58
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On September 18, 1933, President Roosevelt approved the Code of Fair Competition, effective October 1, 1933, which reduced the week to a 5-day basis with a maximum of 40 hours per week, without reducing the rates, thus changing the wage scale as follows:

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WAGE SCALE
October 1, 1933 to January 1, 1934

Monthly Men	Rates	
Classification	8 Hour Day	22 Day Month
Shovel Engineers	\$ 7.22	\$ 158.89
Shovel Cranemen	6.33	139.20
Shovel Firemen	5.44	119.51
Tipple Engineers	5.79	127.36
Day Men (10-1-33/4-19-34)	Hours	Rate
Locomotive Engineers & Motormo		\$ 5.14
Shovel Oilers	8	4.58
Truck Drivers (Coal)	8	5.14
Truck Drivers (Other than Coal		4.58
Tripriders	8	4.69
Tracklayers	8	4.58
Coal Drillers	8	4.58
Overburden Drillers (Power)	8	5.48
Dirt Men & Coal Shovelers	8	4.58
Ditchers	8	4.58
Groundmen around Shovels	8	4.58
Blacksmiths	8	5.00
Blacksmiths Helpers	8	4.69
Machinists	8	5•59
Pumpers	8	4.58
Sledgers	8	4.58
Shooters	8	4.72
Couplers	8	4.41
Night Watchmen	8	4.58
Drivers	8	4.58
Switchmen	8	4.58
Tipple Firemen	8	4.58
Flat Trimmers	8	4.21
Dumpers	8	4.21
Boiler Makers	8	5.00
Welders	8	5.48
Channel Machine Oprs. & Hlprs	. 8	5.59
Electricians	8	5.59
Other Labor in Pit	8	4.58

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On January 15, 1934 the operators agreed with the mine workers that the differential between the shovel men and other employees had been narrowed through a series of increases and decreases, and the monthly men's rates were increased as follows; and made retroactive to January 1, 1934, viz:

WAGE SCALE January 1, 1934 to April 19, 1934

Monthly Men Classification		tes 22 Day Month
Shovel Engineers	\$ 7.83	\$ 172.20
Shovel Cranemen	6.64	146.00
Shovel Firemen	5.44	119,70
Tipple Engineers	5.79	127.36

Note: The day men's wage scale for this period was the same as the old scale, see note on former wage scale.

On April 19, 1934, the Code of Fair Competition was amended to a 35-hour week. The day rate was not changed, thus making the same wage scale for day men for 7 hours that was formerly paid for 8 hours. The monthly shovel men's rate was changed to make time and one-half for the 8th hour, an agreement having been made that the monthly men would be permitted to work 8 hours per day. The shovel oilers were also made monthly men. The new wage scale was as follows:

WAGE SCALE April 19, 1934 to March 31, 1935

Monthly Men	Rates
Classification	8 Hour Day 22 Day Month
Shovel Engineers	\$ 8.37 \$ 184.09

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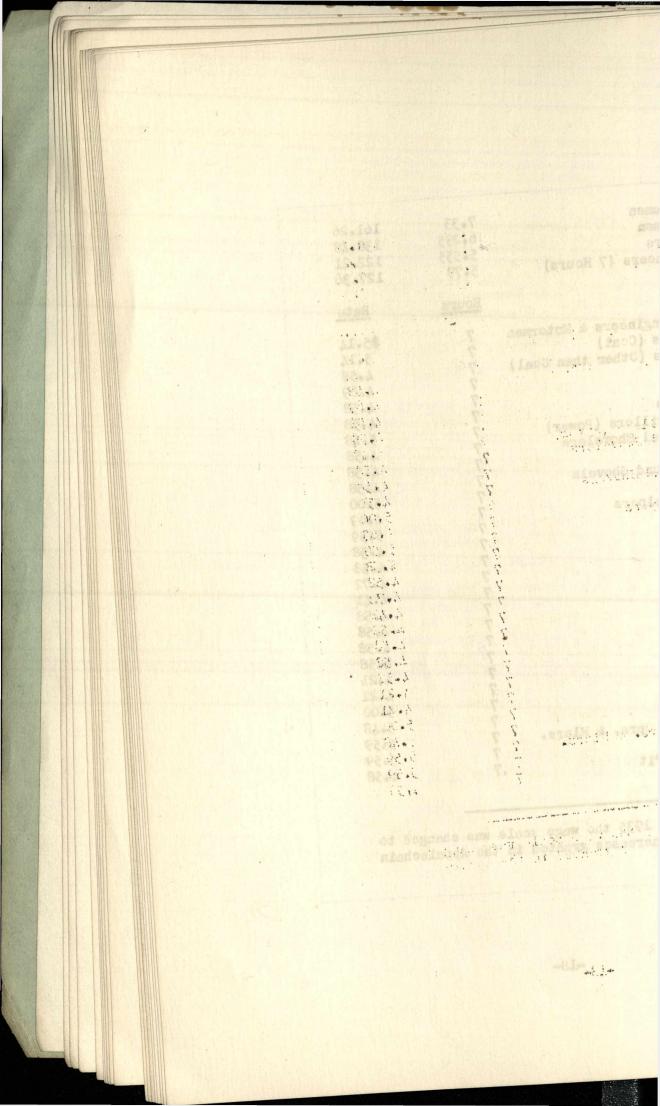
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Shovel Cranemen	7.33	161.26
Shovel Firemen	6.295	138.48
Shovel Oilers	5 - 555	122.21
Tipple Engineers (7 Hours)	5.79	127.36
Day Men	Hours	Rate
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Locomotive Engineers & Motormen	7	\$5.14
Truck Drivers (Coal)	7	5.14
Truck Drivers (Other than Coal)	7	4.58
Tripriders	7	4.69
Tracklayers	77	4.58
Coal Drillers	7	4.58
Overburden Drillers (Power)	7	5.48
Dirt Men & Coal Shovelers	7	4.58
Ditchers	7	4.58
Groundmen around Shovels	7	4.58
Blacksmiths	7 7	5.00
Blacksmiths Helpers	7	4.69
Machinists	7	5.59
Pumpers	7	4.58
Sledgers	7	4.58
Shooters	7	4.72
Couplers	7	4.41
Night Watchmen	7	4.58
Drivers	7	4.58
Switchmen	7	4.58
Tipple Firemen	7	4.58
Flat Trimmers	7	4.21
Dumpers	7	4.21
Boiler Makers	7	5.00
Welders	7	5.48
Channel Machine Oprs. & Hlprs.	7	5.59
Electricians	7	5.59
Other Labor in Pit	7	4.58
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On April 1, 1935 the wage scale was changed to conform to the increases granted in the Appalachain



Field allowing a 70¢ increase to men at strip mines engaged in production and 50¢ to all others. Because of the inability to determine whether or not drillers and shooters were engaged in production, their rates were compromised on and an increase of 60¢ was given them. The monthly shovel men were given 85¢ additional per day or 70¢ for the first 7 hours and 15¢ (time and one-half) for the 8th hour. The revised wage scale was as follows:

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WAGE SCALE
April 1, 1935 to March 31, 1937

Monthly Men		Ra	tes
Classification	Hours	Day	22 Day Month
Shovel Engineers Shovel Cranemen Shovel Firemen Shovel Oilers Tipple Engineers	8 8 8 7	\$9.22 8.18 7.14 6.41 6.29	\$202.84 179.96 157.08 141.02 138.36
Day Men		Hours	Rate
Locomotive Engineers & Truck Drivers (Coal) Truck Drivers (Other the Tripriders Tracklayers Coal Drillers Overburden Drillers (Pobirt Men & Coal Shoveled Ditchers Groundmen around Shovel Blacksmiths Blacksmiths Helpers Machinists Pumpers Sledgers	nan Coal) ower) ors	7	\$ 5.64 5.64 5.08 5.19 5.08 5.18 6.08 5.08 5.08 5.28 5.50 5.19 6.09 5.08 5.08

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Shooters	7	5.32
Couplers	7	4.91
Night Watchmen	7	5.08
Drivers	7	5.08
Switchmen	7	5.08
Tipple Control Men	7	5.08
Tipple Firemen	7	5.08
Flat Trimmers	7	4.71
Dumpers	7	4.71
Boiler Makers	7	5.50
Welders	7	5.98
Channel Machine Oprs. & Hlprs.	7	6.19
Electricians	7	6.09
Other Labor in Pit	7	5.08

On April 1, 1937, the wage scale agreed to in the Appalachain Field, establishing increases of 50¢ and 70¢, were again applied in District 11 the same as two years ago, and mines continued at work pending the writing of the conditions in the contract. The wage scale agreed to by the strip operators was as follows:

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WAGE SCALE
April 1, 1937 to November 1, 1937

Monthly Men	Hours	Rat	es
Classification		Day	22 Day Month
Shovel Engineers Shovel Cranemen Shovel Firemen Shovel Oilers Tipple Engineers	8	\$10.07	\$ 221.54
	8	9.03	198.66
	8	7.99	175.78
	8	7.26	159.72
	7	6.79	149.36

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Day Men	Hours	Rate
Locomotive Engineers & Motormen Truck Drivers (Coal) Truck Drivers (Other than Coal) Tripriders Tracklayers Coal Drillers Overburden Drillers (Power) Dirt Men & Coal Shovelers	7 7 7 7 7 7 7	\$ 6.14 6.14 5.58 5.69 5.58 5.78 6.68 5.58
Ditchers Groundmen around Shovels Blacksmiths	7 7 7	5.58 5.98 6.00
Blacksmiths Helpers Machinists Pumpers	7 7 7	5•69 6•59 5•58
Sledgers Shooters Couplers	7 7 7	5.58 5.92 5.41
Night Watchmen Drivers	7 7	5.58 5.58
Switchmen Tipple Control Men Tipple Firemen Flat Trimmers	7 7 7 7	5.58 5.58 5.58 5.21
Dumpers Boiler Makers Welders (Elec. & Acet.)	7 7 7	5.21 6.00 6.48
Channel Machine Oprs. & Hlprs. Electricians Other Labor in Pit	7 7 7	6.79 6.59 5.58

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A Joint Scale Conference was convened June 1, 1937, for the purpose of writing a contract to replace the one which expired on March 31, 1937. The mine workers insisted on a basic wage of \$6.00 per day. The operators would not concede to this

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demand and on June 8th the conference adjourned temporarily to allow the mine workers to meet the shaft operators. The conference resumed on October 18th, and on November 10th, 1937, the President of the United Mine Workers of District 11 notified the strip operators that a strike order would be sent out, effective Sunday, midnight, November 14th, 1937. On Thursday, November 11th, 1937, the following wage scale was agreed to, viz:

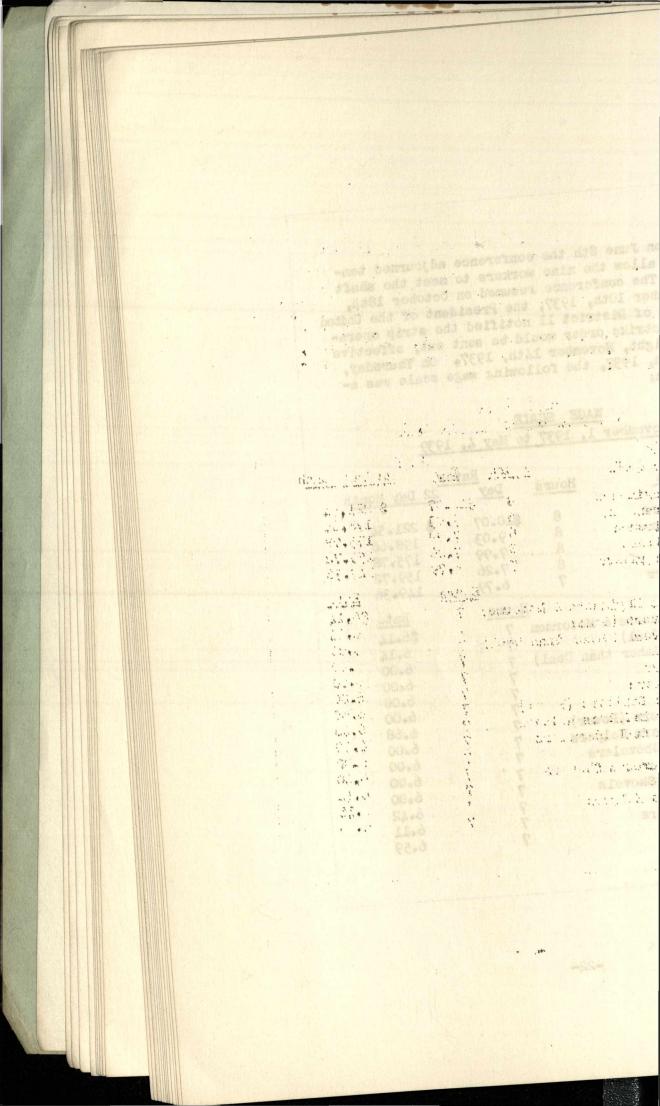
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November 1, 1937 to May 4, 1939

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Monthly Men		Rat	es
Classification	Hours	Day	22 Day Month
Shovel Engineers Shovel Cranemen Shovel Firemen Shovel Oilers Tipple Engineers	8 8 8 8	\$10.07 9.03 7.99 7.26 6.79	\$ 221.54 198.66 175.78 159.72 149.36
Day Men		Hours	Rate
Locomotive Engineers &	Motormen	7	\$6.14
Truck Drivers (Coal)		7	6.14
Truck Drivers (Other t	han Coal) 7	6.00
Tripriders		7	6.00
Tracklayers		7	6.00
Coal Drillers	DESCRIPTION OF THE	7	6.00
Overburden Drillers (P		7	6.68
Overburden Drillers He	-	7	6.00
Dirt Men & Coal Shovel	ers	7	6.00
Ditchers	1	7	6.00
Groundmen around Shove	18	7	6.00
Blacksmiths		7	6.42
Blacksmiths Helpers		7	6.11
Machinists		7	6.59



Pumpers	7	6.00
Sledgers	7	6.00
Shooters	7	6.00
Couplers	7	6.00
Night Watchmen	7	6.00
Drivers	7	6.00
Switchmen	7	6.00
Tipple Firemen	7	6.00
Flat Trimmers	7	6.00
Dumpers	7	6.00
Boiler Makers	7	6,00
Electric & Acetylene Welders	7	6.48
Channel Machine Oprs. & Hlprs.	7	6.79
Electricians	7	6.59
Tractor Drivers	7	6.00
Head Mechanic on Truck Repairs	7	6.59
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Prior to the expiration date (March 31, 1939) of the 1937-38-39 contract, the mine workers and operators signed a tentative agreement to continue the mines in operation after March 31, 1939, pending negotiations of a basic wage agreement by the Joint Appalachain Conference. This tentative agreement contained a 15-day cancellation provision and on April 20, 1939 the Unite Mine Workers served the operators with a 15-day notice and on May 4, 1939, at midnight, the mines all ceased operation. On May 12, 1939, it was agreed that the contract expiring on March 31, 1939, would be extended for another two year period, or until March 31, 1941, in all of its terms, schedules and conditions, with the addition of two sentences in its enabling clause, reading:

"It is agreed that the United Mine Workers of America is recognized herein as the exclusive bargaining agency, representing the 20 (88kl , 82 down to say below of a conare and a face over the day and paragraph to 10091 subjects, and work many of American series eanders on what topen on the Deliver with the Deve of chestron equipment constell out of the to controverse; and then income the wester within the configuration of the track of the term - and vehicle or look gabet to midra erre to well or the each boile free hither the said leader at his calling or prior congress with I reis the conservation of all the se -1990 baces the bestdinger address with the Therefore and Jane Principles See, or "There's Fil. A.R. restone not behave to blasts over the cover est to the at lighthile down the trade of the notificate everythin initial and inference but it is but spotterangesete patitione et a at ac ated to !! so the but to det been bit -re odd as niered beginseet at solvent sive bargaining agency, representing the

the employees of the parties of the first part.

"It is agreed that as a condition of employment (this was agreed to be as a condition subsequent) all employees shall be mombers of the United Mine Workers of America, except those exempted classifications of employment as provided in this contract."

The following is the wage scale agreed to (unchanged) for the two-year period, to end March 31, 1941.

WAGE SCALE
May 5, 1939 to March 31, 1941

Shovel Engineers 8 \$ 10.07 \$ 221.54 Shovel Cranemen 8 9.03 198.66 Shovel Firemen 8 7.99 175.78 Shovel Oiler 8 7.26 159.72 Tipple Engineers 7 6.79 149.36 Day Men Hours Rate Locomotive Engineers & Motormen 7 \$6.14 Truck Drivers (Coal) 7 6.00 Tripriders 7 6.00 Tripriders 7 6.00 Track Layers 7 6.00 Coal Drillers 7 6.00 Overburden Drillers (Power) 7 6.68	Monthly Men Classification	Hours	Rates Day	22 Day Month
Locomotive Engineers & Motormen 7 \$6.14 Truck Drivers (Coal) 7 6.14 Other Truck Drivers 7 6.00 Tripriders 7 6.00 Track Layers 7 6.00 Coal Drillers 7 6.00	Shovel Cranemen Shovel Firemen Shovel Oiler	8 8 8	9.03 7.99 7.26	198.66 175.78 159.72
Overburden Drillers Helpers76.00Dirt Men & Coal Shovelers76.00Ditchers76.00Groundmen around Shovels76.00Blacksmiths76.42Blacksmiths Helpers76.11	Locomotive Engineers & Motor Truck Drivers (Coal) Other Truck Drivers Tripriders Track Layers Coal Drillers Overburden Drillers (Power) Overburden Drillers Helpers Dirt Men & Coal Shovelers Ditchers Groundmen around Shovels Blacksmiths		7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	\$6.14 6.14 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.68 6.00 6.00 6.00

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Pumpers	7	6.00
Sledgers	7	6.00
Shooters	7	6.00
Couplers	7	6.00
Night Watchmen	7	6.00
Drivers	7	6.00
Switchmen	7	6.00
Tipple Firemen	7	6.00
Flat Trimmers	7	6.00
Dumpers	7 .	6.00
Boiler Makers	7	6.00
Elec. & Acetylene Welders	7	6.48
Channel Machine Oprs. & Hlprs.	7	6.79
Electricians	7	6.59
Tractor Drivers	7	6.00
Head Mechanic on Truck Repairs	7	6.59
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On March 18, 1941, the International Policy Committee of the United Mine Workers of America adopted the following resolution:

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"All bituminous districts outlying the Appalachian Contractual area are authorized to continue work after April 1, 1941, pending negotiations in the Appalachian Joint Conference. District Officers are authorized to negotiate with their respective operators such agreements, provided the operators agree to recognize existing contracts, in all their terms and conditions, and agree further that any increase in wages or improvements in hours or conditions will

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apply likewise in the outlying districts, retroactive to April 1, 1941.

"All such contracts shall contain a clause providing for cancellation by the United Mine Workers of America, upon seven day's formal notice."

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On March 28, 1941, the Indiana Coal Producers Association refused to comply with the retroactive feature of the above resolution, and the mines ceased operations on March 31, 1941, at midnight. The mines were closed until April 29, 1941, and during the suspention the Appalachian Conference was having its difficulties; there was strife between the Northern Group and the Southern Group of operators, and finally they broke - the Southern Group withdrawing from the Conference; but on April 21, 1941, the Northern Group and the United Mine Workers of America made a temporary agreement, providing for a flat increase of \$1.00 per day, except that men on mechanized production equipment would receive an increase of \$1.40 per day, the day to consist of seven hours; provided, however, that the Southern Group signed on the same basis. The Southern Group would not sign, but on April 29, 1941, the outlying district officials of the United Mine Workers of America were authorized to sign with their operators temporarily, until final ratification of the Appalachain Agreement. The Southern Group signed a temporary contract on April 30, 1941 on the same basis. The Indiana Coal Producers Association and District No. 11, United Mine Workers of America signed a contract on May 1, 1941, which gave the day men an increase of \$1.00 per day and the mechanical men \$1.40 per day. This contract was for a period of two years, ending March 31, 1943, and made the scale as follows:

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Coal Drillers 7 7.00	
Overburden Drillers (Power) 7 7.68	
Overburden Drillers Helpers 7 7.00	
Dirt Men and Coal Shovelers 7 7.00	
Ditchers 7 7.00	
Groundmen around Shovels 7 7.00	
Blacksmiths 7 7.42	
Blacksmiths Helpers 7 7.11	
Machinists 7 7.59	
Pumpers 7 7.00	
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Shooters 7 7.00	
Couplers 7 7.00	
Night Watchmen 7 7.00	
Drivers 7 7.00 Switchmen 7 7.00	
Flat Trimmers 7 7.00 Dumpers 7 7.00	
Boiler Makers 7 7.00	
Electric & Acetylene Welders 7 7.48	
Channel Machine Operators 7 7.79	
Electricians 7 7.59	
Tractor Drivers 7 7.00	
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In addition to the increase in wage scale a vacation with pay was granted the United Mine Workers of America. The clause covering this reads as follows:
"An annual vacation period shall be the rule of the industry. From Saturday, June 28, 1941 to Monday July 7, 1941, inclusive shall be a vacation period, during which coal production shall cease. Day men required to work during this period at coke plants and other necessary continuous operations or on emergency or repair work shall have vacations at other agreed periods." Employees whose records show they have worked less than one year for the coal company would not be entitled to vacation pay. All employees with records of more than one year would be entitled to \$20.00

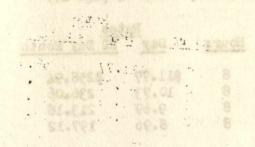
Owing to the long delay caused by the shaft mine operators meeting with the United Mine Workers of America to ratify the new contract, the Indiana Coal Producers Association did not meet the miners until Oct.l, 1941. The purpose of this meeting was to ratify the temporary contract by making it permanent up to March 31, 1943 and to discuss working conditions. At the meeting in October the miners presented twenty-seven demands, many of which far exceeded the agreement made by the Appalachian District in wages which was the yardstick by which our contract was to be made. We held meetings from time to time and it was finally necessary to have a representative of the National Union sit in the meetings to get an agreement which was finally reached on January 28, 1942, retroactive to January 1, 1942, adopting the increases as per the Appalachian Agreement plus further increases on account of changes in conditions and the adopting of new classifications of labor such as tipple control men, washery operators, LeTourneau operators and the Arbitration Clause. The following scale of wages supercedes the temporary scale on page 27:

Monthly Men Classification	Hours	<u>Ra</u>	tes 22 Day Month
Shovel Operators Shovel Cranemen Shovel Firemen Shovel Oilers	8	\$11.77	\$258.94
	8	10.73	236.06
	8	9.69	213.18
	8	8.96	197.12

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Tipple Engineers 7	7.79	171.38
Groundmen around Shovel 8	8.50	171.38
Day Men	Hours	Rate
Haulage Engineers	7	\$7.56
Truck Drivers Hauling Coal	7	7.56
Other Truck Drivers	7	7.00
Tripriders	7	7.00
Tracklayers	7	7.00
Coal Drillers	7	7.20
Overburden Drillers	7	7.88
Overburden Drillers Helpers	7	7.00
Dirt Men & Coal Shovelers	7	7.00
Ditchers	7	7.00
Blacksmiths	7	8.00
Blacksmiths Helpers	7	7.42
Machinists	7	8.00
Pumpers	7	7.00
Sledgers	7	7.00
Shooters	7	7.20
Couplers	7	7.00
Night Watchmen	7	7.00
Drivers	7	7.00
Switchmen	7	7.00
Tipple Foremen	7	7.00
Flat Trimmers	7	7.00
Dumpers	7	7.00
Boiler Makers	7	7.75
Welders	7	7.75
Channel Machine Oprs. & Hlprs.	7	8.19
Electricians	7	7.75
Tractor Drivers	7	7.00
Hoad Truck Mechanic	7	8.00
Head Truck Mechanic Helper	7	7.00
(New) Preparation Plant Control Men	7	7.42
(New) Tipple Oiler	7	7.42
(New) Washer Operator	7	7.42
(New) Dryer Operator	7	7.42
(New) LeTourneau Operator	7	7.75
Other Pit Work not Mentioned	7	7.00

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Jurisdictional Construction Men (under jurisdiction of the United Mine Workers of America) shall be paid at the rate of \$6.00 for 7 hours.

When shovel operators, dragline operators, oilers or groundmen are employed on Jurisdictional Construction Work, their rates are as follows:

JURISDICTIONAL CONSTRUCTION WORK

	7 Hour Day	8 Hour Day
Shovel Operators	\$ 8.30	\$ 10.08
Dragline Operator	8.30	10.08
Oiler	6.32	7.68
Groundmen	6.00	7-30

The above increases in wages for Channel Machine Operators shall be retroactive to April 1, 1941. All other increases hereby granted shall be retroactive to January 1, 1942.

The contract governing wages and conditions up to March 31, 1943 was complied with until the expiration date. The Northern and Southern Appalachian groups were meeting with the United Mine Workers of America in New York. They had not agreed upon a new contract at the expiration date of the 1943 contract. The Indiana Coal Producers Association and the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 11 met in the office of the Indiana Coal Producers Association March 30, 1943 for the purpose of arriving at an agreement whereby their mines would be kept in operation until a new contract was agreed to in the Appalachian District. The operators proposed to continue work under the present contract until such time that a permanent one would be agreed to The United Mine Workers of America would not agree to this proposition and presented a copy of the temporary agreement which had been signed by the Indiana Coal Operators, the shaft mine organization. The meeting adjourned with-

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out an agreement being signed. The following day Messrs. Hugh B. Lee and Michael Scollard were notified by the Executive Board of the Indiana Coal Producers Association to sign the temporary agreement submitted by the miners which in substance was as follows:

First, the miners continue to work with the understanding that any wage increases or change in the working conditions agreed to by the Appalachian conference would be binding on parties hereto retroactive to April 1,1943.

Second, a joint scale committee meeting representing the parties hereto would be called as soon as practicable following the consumation of an agreement by the Northern Appalachian Joint Conference, for the purpose of negotiating the terms of the Terre Haute Agreement effective April 1, 1943,

Third, this agreement may be cancelled by a five day written notice by either party hereto.

This agreement was signed by Louis Austin, President and Ralph Day, Secretary of the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 11, and Hugh B. Lee and Michael Scollard for the Indiana Coal Producers Association.

The mines continued to operate under this agreement while the Northern and Southern Appalachian groups were attempting to make an agreement which they failed to do, so the miners decided they would not work any longer without a contract and issued a strike order to take place on April 30, 1943, which was approved by their President, John L. Lewis.

President Roosevelt sent a letter to John L. Lewis and Thomas Kennedy, President and Secretary of the United Mine Workers of America saying there were strikes throughout the coal region that must be stopped because they were in direct interference with the persecution of the

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It seems that the President's message was ignored and the strikes continued and on May 1, 1943 an Executive Order was issued by the President taking possession and operation of the coal mines of the United States and H. L. Ickes, Solid Fuel Administrator for War, was made the Bituminous Coal Director. Many of the mines refused to work regardless of the order issued. On May 17, 1943 John L. Lewis, National President of the United Mine Workers of America sent a telegram to Mr. Ickes which read in substance, "We are requesting our membership to continue at work under the existing retroactive extension agreement until midnight May 31, 1943." No agreement was reached between the miners and operators before that date and the miners again began to leave the mines. On June 3, 1943, the President made the following statement "Most of the nation's coal mines are closed because of a general strike which has taken place in defiance of the Government of the United States. I have instructed the Secretary of the Interior, who has possession of the mines for the Government, to proceed to roopen the mines. I order and direct the miners who are not at work in the mines to report to work on June 7, 1943, and I must remind the miners they are working for the Government on essential war work and it is their duty no less than their sons and brothers in the armed forces to fulfill their war duties.

On June 7, 1943 the miners began returning to work.

On July 8, 1943, a supplement agreement was signed by the Indiana Coal Producers Association and District No. 11, United Mine Workers of America, which made a few changes in the contract signed on May 1, 1941.

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The mines continued to operate under the Supplemental Agreement until an agreement known as the Illinois Agreement, was signed by H. L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, and John L. Lewis and was approved by the War Labor Board November 5, 1943. This contract did not carry any additional increases in the wage scale but made it obligatory on the part of the strip operators to pay \$40.00 travel time to all men who were on the payroll April 1, 1943 to June 19, 1943.

This agreement also increased the tipple men's wages by reducing their lunch time from thirty minutes to fiftoen minutes, also increased the work time of the monthly men thirty-five minutes per day at time and one-half.

For your information the following is a chronology of the major developments in the coal wage controversy from February 12, 1943 to May 26, 1944:

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February 12--The Secretary of the Interior requests bituminous coal operators and miners to begin negotiations for a new wage contract not later than February 22. The Secretary also requests that anthracite negotiations begin not later than March 22nd.

February 22--John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, announces that March 10 would be the earliest date he could meet the bituminous coal operators.

March 10 -- United Mine and Northern Appalachian bi-

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March 22--President Roosevelt proposes that negotiations be continued without stoppage of work with the provision that any wage adjustments ultimately agreed upon be made retroactive to April 1st.

March 26--Lewis asserts before Truman Committee that the no-strike agreement is "not necessarily binding."

March 28--Conciliation Service of Department of Labor enters negotiations. Extension of existing agreements to May 1, with any wage adjustments to be made retroactive to April 1, now agreed to by all parties. Negotiations go forward.

March 31--United Mine Workers and anthracite operators open negotiations for renewal of wage agreements in New York City.

April 8--President Roosevelt issues "Hold-the-Line" Executive Order.

April 9-Southern operators request National War Labor Board to assume jurisdiction over dispute. WLB refers request to Department of Labor.

April 13--U.M.W. accepts compromise proposed by Director of Conciliation Service that dispute be compromised by a "guaranteed" six-day week and 52-week year. Suggestion immediately rejected by operators.

April 22--Secretary of Labor refers bituminous dispute to WLB, which assumes jurisdiction and requests parties to appear before it on April 24.

April 23--Strikes start in coal mines in Appalachian fields.

April 24--WLB unanimously ordered that production

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April 25--Fifteen thousand Appalachian field miners on strike. WLB telegraphs Lewis urging return of mine workers to the pits.

April 27--U.M.W. president announces that, in absence of contract, all bituminous coal miners will suspend work at midnight, April 30th. Thomas Kennedy, U.M.W. secretary-treasurer, makes similar announcement for anthracite miners.

April 28--WLB refers bituminous coal dispute to President Roosevelt.

April 29--President Roosevelt directs John L. Lewis and Thomas Kennedy to return striking anthracite and bituminous coal miners to their jobs by 10 A.M. on May 1 because coal strikes are interferring with war program.

April 30--John L. Lewis telegraphs President Roosevelt indicating refusal of President's ultimatum. Secretary of Labor certifies anthracite dispute to WLB.

May 1--General strike in progress. President Roose-velt issues Executive Order directing Secretary of the Interior to take possession of coal mines. Secretary Ickes takes immediate possession, without violence or use of troops. United States flags are run up over the coal pits; chief mine executives designated as Government operating managers, and mines made ready for immediate reopening. WLB panel halts deliberations pending resumption of production.

May 2--President Roosevelt in radio address calls on all mine workers to return to work. Lewis announces 15-day "truce."

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May 3 and 4--Miners begin going back to work.

May 14--WLB directs parties to resume negotiations under arrangements to be worked out by parties in consultation with WLB at conference on May 17. WLB also directed that production continue under terms of President's telegram of March 22 and WLB's order of April 24.

May 17-Secretary Ickes requests mine workers to continue working after expiration of May 18 truce dead-line and expresses hope that way will be open for collective bargaining conferences. Lewis telegraphs Secretary Ickes that "truce" is extended to May 31.

May 18--WLB orders negotiations suspended until Lewis was ready to proceed under the auspices and instructions of the board, as outlined in May 14 order.

May 21--WLB panel of public, labor and industry representatives presents its fact-finding report on Appalachian dispute.

May 25-WLB issues directive order in Appalachian dispute, granting increased vacation payment, ordering companies to pay for tools previously purchased by miners, denying general wage increase and referring portal-to-portal issue back to the parties for negotiations.

May 26--Appalachian wage conference resumes negotiations in Washington.

May 29--Secretary Ickes tolegraphs Lewis advising him that he expects work not be interrupted on June 1,

June 1--Widespread strikes begin. U.M.W. proposes at joint wage conference that dispute be compromised temporarily with \$1.50 payment for travel time. Secretary Ickes requests Lewis and chairman of Operators' committee to halt spread of walk-outs.

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June 2--WLB directs that negotiations cease until strike is terminated.

June 5--U.M.W directs miners to work June 7, request of Secretary Ickes, but sets June 20 as new dead-line.

June 7--Miners begin returning to work.

June 9--Central Pennsylvania operators and U.M.W. report "verbal agreement" on \$1.30 daily compensation for portal-to-portal pay (but this agreement never was signed).

June 18-WLB issues final directive order in Appalachian dispute, ordering existing contracts extended to March 31, 1945, with changes contained in May 25 order, and denying the union's portal-to-portal demand without prejudice to the rights of the parties to pursue the matter through court action or to agree to an out-of-court settlement compatible with the stabilization program.

June 21--General walk-outs begin in mines.

June 22--U.M.W. instructs miners to return to work under direction of Secretary Ickes as Federal custodian and to continue to work until October 31.

June 25--War Labor Disputes Act("Smith-Connaly" Act) becomes law.

June 27--Miners begin returning to work.

July 20--Lewis announces agreement with Illinois operators for seven-hour day at straight rates and payment of \$1.25 per day for portal-to-portal compensation.

August 3--Lewis appears as representative of U.M.W. before WLB in support of Illinois agreement.

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August 24--WLB rejects agreement holding it was not a "genuine settlement" of the travel time claims of the miners compatible with the stabilization program.

September 9--Wage conference between Appalachian operators and U.M.W. resumed.

September 23--Agreement reached between U.M.W. and Illinois operators calling for \$8.50 daily pay for $8\frac{1}{2}$ -hour portal-to-portal work day, and \$40 payment for retroactive portal-to-portal liability.

October 12--Government terminates possession of all mines remaining in its hands.

October 13--Strikes break out in Alabama and Indiana.

October 26--WLB disapproves Illinois contract. Indicates that in view of estimated average time to be spent for productive work under proposed 8½-hour portal-to-portal contract \$8.125 instead of \$8.50 could be approved under stabilization program.

October 28--WLB issues decision in anthracite dispute granting Little Steel allowance, increased vacation and tools.

November 1--General strike under way. President Roosevelt issues Executive Order directing Secretary Ickes to take over coal mines and to negotiate wage contract for period of Government possession in accordance with opinion of WLB on October 26 in Illinois wage case. Secretary Ickes takes immediate possession of mines.

November 3--Secretary Ickes and U.M.W. representatives draft Memorandum of Agreement calling for \$8.50 daily pay for 8\frac{3}{4} hour portal-to-portal work day during period of Government operation. Agreement submitted to WLB.

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November 5--WLB approves Memorandum Agreement subject to clarification and resubmission on certain points and requests President to appoint committee to obtain more exact information as to travel time and as to possibilities of reducing it, stating it should have such information in acting on any agreement that might subsequently be made between Operators and U.M.W.

November 7--Most miners back in pits under new Ickes-Lewis agreement, without violence or use of military.

November 11--President appoints Travel Time Committee pursuant to WLB request.

November 18--Secretary Ickes calls conference of coal operators and U.M.W. to consider making an industry wage agreement within framework of Memorandum of Agreement of November 3.

December 11--Committee of Operators and U.M.W. submit proposed new supplemental bituminous wage agreement to Secretary Ickes. Secretary Ickes calls meeting of all operators and U.M.W. officials on December 17 to sign new agreement.

December 17--U.M.W. and operators representing 70 per cent of bituminous coal production approve supplemental wage agreement adopting terms of Government operation contract and submit it to WLB.

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January 14--Attorney General Francis Biddle advises Secretary Ickes that War Labor Disputes Act does not require Government to relinquish possession of mines in absence of an industry wage contract where there is the threat of a walk-out.

February 3--First progress report of Travel Time Committee filed with President.

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March 8--Anthracite operators and U.M.W. agree on new wage contract to apply when mines are returned to private operation.

April 7--WLB approves anthracite contract between operators and U.M.W.

April 8--Lewis, pointing to growing miner unrest over delays, demands immediate payment of promised \$40 settlement of back portal-to-portal claims, contained in agreement for private operation pending before WLB.

April 10--Second progress report filed by Travel Time Committee, covering 84 per cent of bituminous coal mined under U.M.W. contracts.

April 18 and 19--Secretary Ickes holds conference of operating managers and representatives of U.M.W. concerning \$40 retroactive payment.

April 24--Secretary Ickes writes Chairman Davis of WLB conveying requests of representatives of operating companies for authority from WLB to enter into supplemental contract covering \$40 portal-to-portal payment in advance of approval of general agreement.

May 19--WLB approves wage agreement between bitumin-ous operators and U.M.W.

May 24--Presidential committee on portal-to-portal time makes final report.

May 26--Deputy Coal Mines Administrator C.J.Potter holds meeting of bituminous wage negotiators to determine which mines are going to put supplemental contract in effect.

June 1--Indiana mines were returned to private owner-ship.

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